

Senate Approves 50% Boost

State Income Taxes Going Up Sunday

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan taxpayers will pay 50 per cent more in state personal income taxes beginning Sunday.

That's the impact of a 20-14 vote by the State Senate Wednesday, hiking the present 2.6 per cent flat rate tax to 3.9 per cent Aug. 1. The bill also restores higher property and local income tax credits against the personal income tax.

Passed by the House last week, the bill went to Gov. William Milliken, who was expected to sign it shortly.

In addition to boosting the personal tax rate, the bill increases the 5.6 per cent corporate rate to 7.8 per cent and raises the 7 per cent financial institutions tax to 9.7 per cent.

ONE-YEAR LIFE

The higher rates would lapse in one year unless the legislature gives voters a chance to decide this fall or next on the questions of property tax relief and a graduated income tax.

Expiration of the new rates appeared highly unlikely, however, especially after Milliken agreed to try to round up GOP votes needed for House passage of a pending constitutional amendment that would link the two questions on the ballot.

Milliken earlier opposed tying the questions together as Democrats wanted.

The Senate tax vote came after hours of party caucuses and top leadership discussions about other pending budget bills.

The vote revised the Senate's earlier decision to hike the personal tax rate by a simple 1 per cent, to 3.6 per cent, and retain the \$15 limitation on both property and local income tax credits.

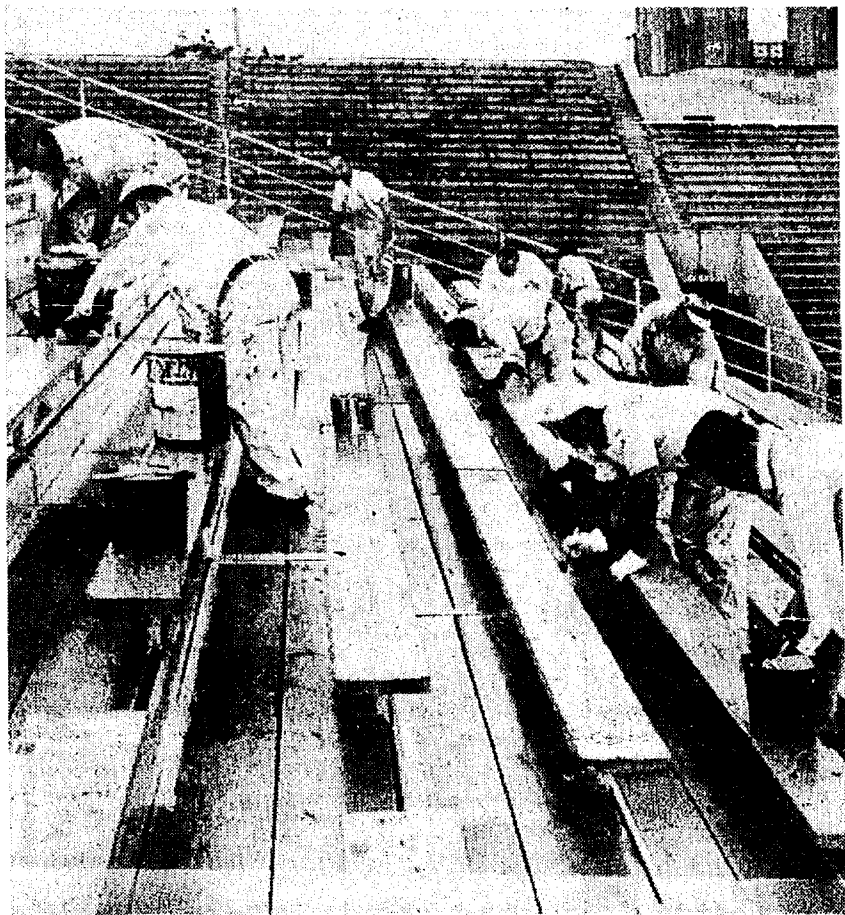
It also reversed Senate defeat of the House plan on Tuesday. After that rejection, the bill went to conference committee where leaders discussed school aid and other budget matters, then agreed to push the 1.3 per cent increase again in the upper chamber.

Senate GOP Leader Robert Vanderlaan of Kentwood told colleagues the extra three-tenths of 1 per cent was merely to replace the reinstated credits—which will total some \$92 million for a year.

But opponents, including Senate Taxation Chairman Harry DeMaso, R-Battle Creek, argued that the credits would be lower than they were in 1967. And, he said, "you're giving some credits back—but then you're taxing what you're giving back."

DeMaso particularly opposed a House amendment that

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ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS: Some of the fifty painters assigned on a round-the-clock job of painting 10,000 grandstand seats in Chicago's Soldier Field go about their task Wednesday night. Their boss, Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley, wants the seats painted in time for Friday night College All-Stars-Baltimore Colts game at the stadium. (AP Wirephoto)

Milliken Retreat Clears Way For Tax Relief Vote

Graduated Income Tax Next?

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William G. Milliken's second major retreat this year on tax policies advanced prospects for bipartisan accord on a bill offering voters some \$600 million worth of property tax relief when they go to the polls this fall.

Embodied in the constitutional amendment slated for a House vote today is the Democratic demand for repeal of the state's current prohibition against a graduated income tax.

'COMPROMISE' Milliken, who earlier opposed any Democratic suggestion of linking the two propositions on the ballot this fall, issued a statement late Wednesday calling the latest twin draft as "an

honorable compromise." He said he was making it his personal "objective" to "make sure there are enough Republican votes . . . to assure House passage" of the resolution that leaders hope to put on the November ballot before the Sept. 2 submission deadline.

The proposal was defeated a week ago when it drew only 48 Democratic and 15 GOP votes. That was 11 short of the required 74 or two-thirds majority needed for a constitutional amendment proposal to pass.

The property tax relief proposal—it would restrict total school district millage proceeds to some 13 mills—is a key companion to the 50 per cent increase given final legislative approval Wednesday in the cur-

rent 2.6 per cent state personal income tax.

The personal rate jumps to 3.9 per cent on individuals as of Sunday.

But that increase is to be revoked by Aug. 1, 1972 if the legislature has not submitted the questions of property tax relief and the graduated income tax option to voters.

It thus becomes an important political "out" for lawmakers encountering constituent wrath and possible election opposition because of the high tax increase.

Milliken sought to hold out against "nonnegotiable" Democratic insistence on the graduated tax possibility because, he said, it would kill prospects for the simpler property tax reduction offer that Republicans



CHANGEOVER: David K. E. Bruce, right, is leaving his post as head of the U.S. delegation at the Paris peace talks on Sunday and William J. Porter, left, now ambassador to Korea, will take his place, President Nixon announced Wednesday. (AP Wirephoto)

How Taxpayer Can Figure Extra Cost

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Taxpayers may begin to feel the higher income tax approved by the legislature almost immediately.

When employers begin withholding at the 3.9 per cent personal tax rate, instead of the current 2.6 per cent rate, the workers will be taking home a little less money.

If, for instance, the employer takes \$6 weekly from a worker's pay for the 2.6 per cent

tax, he'll be taking \$9 weekly for the higher rate scheduled to take effect Sunday.

ANOTHER FACTOR And come next year, when the taxpayer sits down to figure out what he owes the state, there'll be another factor.

Instead of multiplying by 2.6 per cent for the seven months at the old rate and 3.9 per cent for five months at the new rate, he'll be using 3.2 per cent.

That's the figure state tax officials plan to use to make the work easier. It spreads the increase throughout the year for less complicated tabulation.

Another difference on next year's tax returns will be the increased credits the taxpayer may take advantage of.

The tax bill sent to Gov. William Milliken Wednesday allows these city tax credits against the state personal income tax:

—20 per cent of city income taxes under \$100,

—207 plus 10 per cent of the excess over \$100 for city taxes of \$100-\$150.

—\$25 plus 5 per cent of the excess over \$150 for city taxes of \$150-\$200.

—\$27.50 plus 5 per cent of the excess over \$200 for city taxes over \$200—but the total credit shall not exceed \$10,000.

In addition, the bill would allow identical credits for property taxes. The only exception would be for property taxes over \$10,000. In that case, the credit would be 4 per cent of the total property taxes.

Zollar, Byker For Tax

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Here is the roll call by which the Michigan Senate voted 20-14 Wednesday for House amendments to a tax bill raising the Michigan personal income rate from 2.6 to 3.9 per cent on Aug. 1.

Democrats for 10: Brown, Cartwright, Cooper, Faust, Faxon, Fitzgerald, Hart, Novak, O'Brien, Young.

Republicans for 10: Ballenger, Bursley, Byker, Davis, Lodge, Pittenger, Stamm, Toupin, Vanderlaan, Zollar.

Democrats against 9: Bowman, Gray, Lane, Mack, McCauley, McCollough, Plawski, Rozycki, Youngblood.

Republicans against 5: Bishop, Bouwsma, DeMaso, Richardson, Rockwell.

Democrats absent: none.

Republicans absent 2: Fleming, Zaagman.

Immigrant From Baghdad He Dies Defending America



ABDUL GALLEZI
Shot to death

DETROIT (AP) — An Iraqi immigrant, on the threshold of realizing an 18-year dream of becoming an American citizen, was shot dead in his west side Detroit grocery apparently while defending the United States against an irate customer.

Sen. Robert P. Griffin, R-Mich., said in Washington that because of the unusual circumstance he would work to get what is believed to be an unprecedented posthumous citizenship for Abdul Muhsein Gallozi.

DIES OF WOUNDS

Gallozi, 39, of suburban Birmingham, died Wednesday of bullet wounds he suffered Tuesday evening in an argument over America with a customer, police said.

According to Mrs. Phyllis Roberts, 29, a clerk who witnessed the incident, a man whom she described as Mexican entered the store to buy a

basket of tomatoes. For no apparent reason, the man began cursing Americans in broken English and Spanish, Mrs. Roberts said.

"He began yelling 'you dirty Americans' and saying he was better than we were," Mrs. Roberts said.

Mrs. Roberts said Gallozi told the man, "You have come to this country and you are making a good living here. And then you are putting America down. If you don't like it here why don't you go back where you came from?"

When the man continued berating America, Gallozi told him, "You're an old man. I don't want to argue with you. Will you please leave," according to Mrs. Roberts.

At this point, Mrs. Roberts said, the man pulled out a 32-caliber revolver and shot Gallozi twice.

'LOVE FOR AMERICA' "Really his love for America

was the cause of his death," said Bodie Bodiya, 35, a lifelong friend of Gallozi's.

"He was so excited at the prospect of becoming a citizen. It is pathetic for us to see him die without becoming one. He was really in love with this

Why Zollar Voted For Tax Boost

State Senator Charles O. Zollar said today he supported a bill hiking state income taxes primarily because of property tax credits the measure will bring.

The senate, in a 20 to 14 vote Wednesday, approved a bill raising personal income taxes from the present 2.6 per cent flat rate to 3.9 per cent as of Sunday.

The bill, Zollar noted, also restores higher property and local income tax credits against the personal income tax.

"Previously these credits were allowed only on the home," Zollar said. "Under this bill, the credit is allowed on the home, buildings and contiguous land."

Zollar, chairman of the senate's appropriations committee, had urged support for the bill because he said the rate would have to go even higher if the 1.3 per cent increase was not effective Sunday.

"There are no provisions for new state spending and all the additional increase amounts to rebate of taxes paid by our citizens," Zollar said.

Ma Hood is at Babe's Wed., Thur., Fri. & Sat. Adv.



SENATOR ZOLLAR

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Welders Really Earn Their \$8.02 An Hour

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

There must be a fly in the ointment for journeymen electrician-welders earning \$8.02 an hour at the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant at Bridgman.

There is. According to one source it's sore throats, and according to another it's nausea and a loss of motor coordination, all from welding galvanized metal.

The illness occurs among welders working on galvanized metal troughs carrying control

and power cables at the nuclear plant, according to company and union sources.

REPORT TO HOSPITAL

Some 15 or 16 welders for Rowen & Blair electrical contractors of Kalamazoo, the prime electrical contractor at the plant, have reported to Berrien General hospital at Berrien Center since early this week complaining of illness from welding galvanized metal.

Doctors check the men and if they discover a sore throat condition from galvanized weld-

ing fumes the men occasionally get a day off or more frequently weld outdoors a day or two until the sore throat disappears, according to Jack Roberts, Rowen & Blair superintendent at the Cook plant.

The illness is common in welding galvanized metal and aluminum, and welders are aware of it, Roberts added.

A. G. Blevins, press secretary for Local 153 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical

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Flood Kills 1,000 In Afghanistan Village

KABUL Afghanistan (AP) — More than 1,000 people were killed when floodwater swept away a village following a landslide, according to reports reaching here today.

The landslide took place near the Khenja Pass in the Hindu Kush Mountains and the water poured down from a natural reservoir.

A search for bodies is continuing. British and Canadian Red Cross societies are providing relief for thousands of homeless, and Afghan Red Crescent Society sources reported.

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Editorial Page

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The Simple Life That Leads To Nowhere

Getting away from it all is an ageless dream which for most people finds expression in a vacation, retirement to a stable climate area, or if the pocketbook can stand it, buying an island.

To others this withdrawal is further reaching and more permanent.

Henry David Thoreau, the 19th century essayist, was one of the first Americans to articulate the philosophy of the simple life. He chose a naturalist's existence in his native Massachusetts which is celebrated in his book, "Walden."

Thoreau's contemporaries regarded the wilderness as something to be harnessed for man's benefit and outside New England's circumscribed intellectual circle of the 1830s and 1840s he was looked upon as another mad hatter.

Thoreau's isolationist theory has assumed a new dimension today.

Few people are following him into a physical wilderness. They are shutting out their minds to the world about them.

Lewis Mumford, the cultural historian, social philosopher and urbanologist, typifies this development.

He is the high priest in an upper level, intellectual opposition to science. His writings indict what he calls the "megamachine" of science and technology as Western civilization's greatest enemy.

Mumford's thesis is that the more the scientist delves into the mystery of the universe and the more the engineer puts that abstract knowledge to practical application the further man is mystifying himself.

In simple language, his is arguing that too much knowledge is as bad or even worse than too little.

Possibly without benefit of reading Mumford's outpourings this counter culture is gaining adherence from widely disparate sources.

Appropriations, public and private, for research in the hard sciences are being suspended or reduced in favor of a surface exploration which stresses 100 percent safety and security.

Lawrence Lessing in a recent Fortune magazine article entitled "The Senseless War on Science" notes a good example of this approach in pharmaceutical work. Says he:

"No drug to save lives can be secured, for instance, that is entirely without risks or side effects, for all drugs by nature

are toxic agents and therefore subject to misuse. Every discovery or invention of man has this dual aspect."

The U. S. space program is under a political cloud because many of the same people who look askance at a hippy are castigating the cost of a scientific exploration which carries no immediate return.

Speaking of the hippies who express their own version of the counter culture, Lessing remarks:

"The most visible embodiment is in the new youth culture which turns away from hard science to the softer, still forming social sciences, the arts and handicrafts, the primitive and a return to nature a la Rousseau, and raves out in astrology, drugs those Eastern mysticisms that for centuries have held whole continents impoverished."

Lessing goes on to note that the hippies are not entirely anti-science. Chemical agents (LSD notably) and electrically powered musical contraptions are absolute requirements to express the new culture suitably.

As some Americans are bedazzled by anti-science, it should not be forgotten that our worldly competitors are going deeper and deeper into the hard sciences. The Kremlin spends liberally from the national income to encourage Russian scientists. The Peking government is following suit.

Not many readers can personally recall the old time medicine show. Its owner had a magician and an Indian or two performing a war dance. Once the free vaudeville ended, the speller then trotted out countless bottles of soothing syrup or tonics at 50 cents or so per bottle guaranteed to cure every malady known to the audience.

It made a fair living for the speller and the tonic never hurt the customer. It couldn't because its contents were absolutely bland. If the magic potion did not cure the buyers, many of them felt better for downing the stuff. The tonics frequently had an alcoholic lacing which made them a welcome commodity in those communities which were dry by law.

The counter culture is an intellectual soothing syrup because it offers a simplistic answer to tough questions.

It is no answer whatever, but it will enjoy a popularity, quite likely to gain in strength, until its followers admit to their gullibility.

International Pollution Control

Two news items on a recent day, though on the surface wholly unrelated, had it in common that they illustrated an important point. One story was to the effect that after protests by the governments of Britain, Ireland and Iceland a Dutch firm has canceled plans to dump 600 tons of chemicals at sea. The other concerned a proposal for an international treaty to regulate various forms of weather modification, including cloud seeding.

The common denominator in these disparate pieces of news is that they underscore the importance of bringing environmental

problems under appropriate international control. This need not raise the bugaboo of undue interference with national sovereignty. The essential point is that air and water pollution, weather modification and other human impacts on the environment are not always, perhaps not ever, in a long range sense, confined to this or that country.

This is plainly evident with respect to waste disposal at sea. The oceans girdle the land, and eventually whatever poisons are dumped will in some degree affect us all. Many other countries might well have joined in the protest against the jettisoning of chemical wastes at a point equidistant from Ireland and Iceland. The fact is that the Dutch firm had originally planned to dump the stuff in the North Sea, but bowed to protests from Norway and Denmark. International rules would be preferable to case by case handling of the problem.

As to weather modification, the World Conference on Peace Through Law in a session at Belgrade tentatively approved a treaty regulating this. The good sense of such an approach can scarcely be disputed, since weather is no respecter of national boundaries. Sensible regulation of this and other things that have an impact on the global environment should be set up as soon as possible.

Orphan Of The Storm!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

400 ACRES BEING EYED

—1 Year Ago—

State purchase of 400 acres of Grand Mere is number 2 on a priority list to be considered when the Michigan legislature reconvenes Aug. 6, the Grand Mere Association disclosed last night at the organization's annual meeting.

State Senator Charles O. Zollar of Benton Harbor, chairman of the appropriations committee, has informed members of the association the state is highly interested in acquiring the land mainly for educational use although its beaches will be available for swimming.

OLDEST HIGHWAY GETS NEW NUMBER

—10 Years Ago—

US-112, Michigan's oldest highway, will be changed to US-12 next January. The Michigan Highway department is replacing I-94 for the existing US-12 designation at the end of this year when it Stevensville-New Buffalo stretch of the new freeway will then be opened for travel.

JAPS OCCUPY CAMRANH BAY

—30 Years Ago—

The Japanese army and navy took over the French naval base of Camranch Bay today, beginning in force the occupation of

five garrison posts and eight air bases in Southern Indo-China which may become the seat of southeastern Asia.

While troops swarmed ashore from a fleet of transports and warships at Camranch Bay, a smoochy clicking Japanese headquarters in Saigon sped directions for the further occupation.

FARM SOLD

—40 Years Ago—

Herman Mattix has sold his 20-acre farm located near the St. Joseph Valley school on Pokagon road, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schaffer of Chicago, who will take possession soon.

OPENS TODAY

—50 Years Ago—

The new Olympia candy kitchen at 204 State street, which has been remodeled and re-decorated, opened today for business.

STOPS TEAM

—60 Years Ago—

Patrolman Fred Alden proved himself a hero yesterday when he stopped a runaway team belonging to Martin Dwan. Mr. Dwan was driving down State street with a load of fruit.

CIRCUS COMING

—60 Years Ago—

Ringling Brothers circus and menagerie exhibits will be in Benton Harbor next week.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1 — What was the first English public school?
- 2 — What is the literal meaning of alma mater?
- 3 — What Psalm begins: "The Lord is my shepherd?"
- 4 — In what year was the great Chicago fire?
- 5 — Who was called the "Swedish Nightingale"?

YOUR FUTURE

Notable improvement in health and financial affairs can be expected. Today's child will be brilliantly clever.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

GALACTIC — (ge-LACK-tick). — adjective: pertaining to the Galaxy or Milky Way.

BORN TODAY

To readers of the day, the number "17" could mean only one author — Booth Tarkington, who chronicled the childhood and adolescence of his admirers in such novels as "Seventeen," "Penrod" and "Penrod and Sam." Along the way, Tarkington picked up two Pulitzer Prizes and wrote a series of plays, some of which were to become movies at a later time.

Tarkington was born in Indianapolis in 1869. After studying at Princeton, where he founded the famous Triangle Club, he served in the Indiana House of Representatives in 1902-03.

His concern for and interest in politics are reflected in "The Gentleman From Indiana," the first of his novels, and in "In the Arena." The title "Growth" was given to his trilogy about urban life in the Midwest, which appeared as "The Turnout," "The Magnificent Ambersons" and "The Midlander." His first Pulitzer came for "The Magnificent Ambersons."

Pulitzer number two was awarded for "Alice Adams." His other novels included "Monsieur Beaucaire," "The Conquest of Canaan," "The Plutocrat," "Mirthful Haven," "The Lorenzo Bunch" and "The Heritage of Hatcher Ide."

With Harry Leon Wilson, he wrote 11 plays and another 14 were done alone. The most notable collaboration was "The Man From Home," which contrasts American innocence with European sophistication.

"The World Does Move" is his autobiography. He died in 1946.

Others born today include William Powell, Edgar F. Kaiser and Dag Hammarskjöld.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

- 1 — Winchestrer.
- 2 — Fostering mother.
- 3 — The 23rd Psalm.
- 4 — In 1871.
- 5 — Jenny Lind.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

THE QUESTION of swimming after eating a light or heavy meal is not the only factor in swimming accidents.

It is well known that more blood goes to the stomach after eating, and therefore, less blood, oxygen and energy are available for the muscular energy of swimming.

This holds true for all sports. Athletes rarely eat more than a light snack before a competition. Even opera singers, using their vocal muscles, do not eat before going on stage.

But too much concentration on the relationship between swimming and eating diverts attention from more important safety rules.

The water is not man's natural habitat. For this reason, if for no other, all children should be taught to swim at an early age, to give them confidence and to let them learn the rules of safety.

The National Swimming Association, the Red Cross, and the "Y" all have excellent courses that teach techniques, endurance and confidence.

The art of relaxation, and methods to avoid panic in water, are the basic factors of safety for this healthful exercise.

At the Georgia Institute of Technology, there are established methods of "drown-proofing." Some of these methods are now used in high schools and colleges all over America.

Horseplay in the water must not be allowed. It is important that everyone learn his own limitations, and stick to them. Don't feel that it is "chicken" to resist competing with swimmers whose endurance is known to be great.

Swimming to the point of

exhaustion, or in the areas that are distinctly forbidden, is immature and deliberately invites trouble. The same goes for the "I don't need a life guard" attitude.

The "buddy system, familiar to campers, should be extended to all swimmers, so that a swimmer in trouble is quickly helped by his buddy.

Life belts, life jackets and floating mattresses are safety devices. Wearing them or lying on them may give a false sense of security. Children using them must still be watched carefully.

Safety organizations constantly warn that these devices may suddenly lose air, and leave an inadequate or panicky swimmer in a dangerous situation.

Learn the special rules of swimming from boats, where propellers may be a threat. Most parents observe the vital rule that every child, regardless of age, must wear a life preserver in boats.

A heart-breaking catastrophe occurred in New York City last year when an entire family were overloaded in a row boat. None was wearing a safety jacket.

And now probably the most painful aspect of swimming safety must be discussed.

Where can find a river, a lake, a beach, a stream, or an ocean that is not a contaminated cesspool? It is sad that disease from pollution now plays a formidable role in the safety of swimming.

Your local Health Department should be consulted before any member of your family is allowed to swim in any waters, even those that look clean.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
Opening lead — king of spades.

The backward finesse is a play that declarer rarely uses. The proper setting for it occurs so seldom, and the play is so unnatural besides, that it is almost a collector's item.

First, let's see what's meant by a backward finesse. Ordinarily, if declarer has the North-South diamond combination, he cashes the king and plays a diamond to the jack. If East has the queen, the finesse wins and South makes three diamond tricks. In the absence of clues that indicate otherwise, South has a 50% chance of winning the finesse.

Note that in the present case declarer would make only two diamond tricks if he played the suit this way. But note also that South can win three tricks by leading the unsupported jack. Leading an unsupported honor is contrary to all the canons of card play, but it is undeniably effective in the present case.

Thus, if West ducks the jack, South has three diamond tricks. If West covers the jack with the queen, declarer wins the king, and again has three diamond tricks.

The backward finessses is usually avoided because it requires only one card to be well placed. The odds against a

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 9 7 3
♥ J 10 7 5
♦ K 6 2
♠ A Q 9

WEST
♦ A K Q J 8
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q 7 5
♠ 10 8 6 2

EAST
♦ 10 5 4
♥ A 6 2
♦ 10 8 4 3
♠ 7 5 3

SOUTH
♦ 6 2
♥ K Q 9 8 4
♦ A J 9
♠ K J 4

The bidding:

West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

successful backward finesse are ordinarily 3 to 1.

The backward finesse is the right play in this hand. When declarer ruffs the third spade and leads a trump, East shows up with the ace, and it is then reasonable to conclude that East cannot also have the queen of diamonds in view of his pass to one spade.

Accordingly, after drawing trumps and cashing three clubs, South leads the jack of diamonds, knowing that West has the ten. As a result, the combination finesse succeeds and South makes the contract.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A RETIRED general took umbrage at the suggestion that he had not allowed his only son to decide his own future. "Fiddlesticks," huffed the general. "When the boy finished high school, I gave him his free choice: enlist in the Army or enroll at West Point!"

A baffled metropolitan motorist is willing to bet that the man who said, "You can't fool all of the people all of the time," never tried to understand the exit signs on the Long Island Expressway.

An indignant band of ladies in far-off Nepal resented the arrogance of a government minister, not to mention his refusal even to listen to their grievances, so they did a little digging into his private life, and discovered, to their infinite delight, irrefutable evidence that he was a bigamist — married not only to two wives very much alive — but THREE. Fellow ministers couldn't let him get away with anything like that — so after a long trial, they found him guilty as charged — and fined him 25 cents!



QUICKIES:

In Tel Aviv, claims Herb Tarr, they find three sides to every problem: right, wrong — and "Ahah!" Ponders Hal Kanter, "Nobody's seen Howard Hughes for twelve years — and all of a sudden he disappears!"

Factograph

On reading that the hundreds of clocks in London's Westminster Palace are off from three to four minutes, the man at the next desk wonders how come Time Magazine hasn't checked up on this.

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BH Improvement Prime Target Of Candidates

Benton Harbor residents next Tuesday will ballot on five candidates, seeking two four-year terms on the city commission as commissioners-at-large. The top four vote-getters in Tuesday's primary election will vie for the posts at the city general election on Nov. 2. The candidates expressed their viewpoints on needs of the city during interviews.

VIRGIL MAY

Virgil May, an incumbent, cites the rejuvenation of Benton Harbor's downtown area as the current number one problem. He also said efforts must be taken to improve the livability of residential areas. May states that regression has occurred, because of the loss of tax base. He said this is a result of many persons moving outside the city. This regression, May indicated, has produced a host of adverse by-products, such as mounting crime, welfare rolls, and deterioration of commercial and residential buildings. To solve the problem, May calls for a "total process" of action by inspired persons who

earnestly desire an improved city. May said the effort should encourage a movement of citizens and business back into the city. The result, he said, would be a better community, with a stronger tax base, and fewer basic troubles, including crime and high welfare rolls.

May, 50, is a personnel assistant for Benton Harbor Area schools. He was appointed to the commission in late 1965, was elected to fill a one-year unexpired term in 1966, and since, has gained re-election to two 2-year terms. He resides at 616 Thresher avenue.

RALPH LHOTKA

Ralph Lhotka, an incumbent on the city commission who currently serves as mayor, based his decision to seek re-election on challenges of what he termed yet unsolved, long-range problems. Lhotka has emphasized the need for fiscal improvement. He also has criticized what he termed large amounts of money spent on welfare. He noted the city doesn't pay welfare bills directly, but the big load causes tax-payers resentment.

As to the city's financial future, Lhotka has placed the final development of a shopping center on the old fruit market site among top priorities. Lhotka also said efforts must be geared to putting the new fruit market on a sound financial basis.

During recent months, Lhotka has sharply criticized crime, especially wanton rock-throwing incidents involving homes. The candidate has told of injuries that might occur, and also the general degrading affect such crimes have on the entire community.

Lhotka, 51, served on the city commission since 1953. He has been an at-large commissioner for the past 11 years. He is a foreman for the Heath Co., St. Joseph, and resides at 444 Division Street, Benton Harbor.

PRESSLEY RHODES

A newcomer to city politics, Pressley (Pete) Rhodes, 33, is a lifelong resident of Benton Harbor, who terms mounting drug crimes and inadequate housing key problems.

Rhodes outlined a platform calling for more effective crime prevention, more information concerning city business made available to the public, a larger tax base for the city, a vocational training program for both city and Benton township high school drop outs, improved police-community relations and alley maintenance.

Rhodes is a graduate of Benton Harbor high school and served two years in the Army. He is a licensed barber who has worked for the past 11 years at the Finch barber shop, Highland avenue. Rhodes resides at 674 Thresher avenue.

CHARLES (Mickey) YARBROUGH

Charles (Mickey) Yarbrough, a juvenile officer with the Berrien county juvenile probation department, has based his initial entry into politics on "a big drug problem in the city that few persons realize."

Yarbrough said he works with the problem every day and sees what drugs do to young people and he added that no proper treatment and rehabilitation program exists to solve the problem.

The candidate's platform also includes improved housing through stronger inspection, more jobs as an answer to large welfare rolls, and efforts to bring business back to downtown.

Yarbrough criticized what he termed landlords who own substandard houses and charge high rates of rent that "bleed poor people." He claims that most persons would rather work than draw welfare.

Yarbrough said merchants cannot be blamed for moving, when social problems increase in a city. He emphasized, however, that business can be brought back by solving the social problems.

Yarbrough, 31, is a graduate of Benton Harbor high school. He attended Western Michigan university two years, before serving two years in the Army. Yarbrough became a juvenile officer in January, 1970. He resides at 674 Thresher.

ROBERT W. LEUTY

Robert W. Leuty, another new-

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SJ Twp. Man Guilty Of Assault

A St. Joseph township man, Alan Albert Totzke, 57, of 3053 Lincoln avenue, pleaded guilty in Fifth district court Wednesday to a charge of simple assault.

He was booked by St. Joseph police on a charge of assault with intent to rape but it was not authorized by the county prosecutor.

Totzke was arrested by St. Joseph police on complaint of a 17-year-old Benton Harbor girl in Lake Front park in St. Joseph Tuesday.

Judge John T. Hammond put the case on presentence investigation.



CHRISTMAS TREES: Lt. Jack Drach, (left) Benton township police, and Det. Sam Watson, Benton Harbor, inspect some 4,000 pills seized after burglary of a doctor's office. Some of the pills are called "Christmas trees" because of multi-colors in capsules. (Staff photo)

Pills Seized; Benton Man Is Arrested

Benton township and Benton Harbor police Wednesday seized more than 4,000 pills allegedly stolen from a physician's office.

The drugs were confiscated after the arrest Tuesday of Jimmie William Ewing, 19, of 1194 McIntosh street, Benton township. Ewing was booked for parole violation and an additional charge of breaking and entering will be sought, according to Capt. Paul Farris of the township police.

Officers estimated the drugs would bring \$3,000 to \$5,000 on the illegal market. The drugs allegedly were taken Monday from the office of Dr. James W. Maxwell, D. O., Plaza drive in the township.

PEPPED-UP
Majority of the drugs was described by police as diet pills which produce a pepped-up effect like speed or amphetamines when taken without a prescription. Others were sleeping pills and iron pills. Some varieties of iron can be purchased without a prescription and don't produce a drugged condition. Iron can be constipating to some persons.

Capt. Farris described some of the confiscated pills as "Christmas trees" because of multi-colors. Ewing served a prison term after a 1969 conviction for breaking and entering.

He was arrested by township Lt. Jack Drach after information was obtained by Benton Harbor Dets. Elmer Rhodes and Sam Watson.

Battle Of Bands Is Tonight

The Josephetts, a newly-formed auxiliary of the Citizens for Charles Joseph for Mayor, will sponsor a battle of the bands tonight at the G & W skating rink, Highland avenue and Second street, Benton Harbor. The event will begin at 10:30 p.m.

The James Toney trio, the Souladelics and the Parasonic will be featured. Proceeds will go the Ladies On Voter Education (L.O.V.E.).

Joseph and his brother Otis Joseph, who is a candidate for Fourth Ward commissioner, unopposed, will speak.

Who Gets Stevensville's \$25,000?

SJ Township Threatens To Sue

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

St. Joseph township Wednesday indicated it may "bite the hand that feeds" by hinting it is willing to sue the Berrien county public works board over a \$25,000 dispute with the Village of Stevensville.

The dispute, simmering for weeks, involves the county public works board's purchase of Stevensville's water system to incorporate it into a Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment Authority water system that includes St. Joseph township. The \$5.325 million system is backed by county faith and credit and overseen by the public works board.

BONDS PAID OFF
The county has paid off Stevensville's water bonds for \$168,168 and seeks to sign a contract with Stevensville where the village turns over its water system to the county.

But first Stevensville must agree to turn over to the county some \$25,000 in water bond funds, St. Joseph township insists, Stevensville maintains the money belongs to the village as

returns from a well-managed water system.

If the public works board signs the village water system purchase agreement without incorporating the sums St. Joseph township wants, the board is the only "practical defendant" in a St. Joseph township lawsuit, Township Atty. John Crow told the board Wednesday.

Public Works Chairman Herbert Seeder tabled the signing until the board's Aug. 25 meeting to give the village and township more time to reach a settlement.

On June 29 the public works board in a split vote turned down a resolution to pay off the village water bonds as a lesson for communities to settle their differences before they come to the board. Then Public Works men relented and approved buying the bonds on July 6.

Public works board members, the county prosecutor and a county commissioner serving as liaison with the public works board were displeased at Wednesday's hint of a lawsuit.

SIGN OF FUTURE?

Prosecutor Ronald Taylor said he dislikes seeing county

government and the public works board put in a position that may adversely affect future county-backed public works projects in Berrien.

Commissioner Edward Grieger of New Buffalo, liaison to the public works board, warned that commissioners will "take a hard look" at future projects rather than risk lawsuits.

Public Works Secretary Lambert Tufts lamented what he termed "another disagreement among attorneys" and member Clifford Emmons predicted the township-village feud is just a prelude to a bigger fight between Lincoln and St. Joseph townships.

County Planning Director Thomas Sinn later noted St. Joseph township has asked the public works board engineers and a bonding attorney how the split of costs between Lincoln and St. Joseph townships for the \$5.325 million water system was made. St. Joseph township seeks to renegotiate them.

On a brighter note Wednesday, the county public works board was told 10 contractors have picked up specifications for a rebidding scheduled next Tuesday to finish a stalled sewer interceptor serving the suburban south St. Joseph area.

Joseph (Jack) Craigmile, a partner in the board's consulting engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, told the board 10 firms have picked up specifications for completing the Hickory Creek sewer interceptor and that three are said to be seriously considering bidding.

WORK STALLED

Work on the 35,300-foot interceptor has been stalled since April 9 when it reportedly was only about 15 per cent complete. The contractor has sued the county claiming he was misinformed about adverse soil conditions along the sewer route.

Bids to finish the interceptor will be opened by the public works board at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the courthouse, St. Joseph.

Also Wednesday, the public works board:

—Heard a report from Jerry Opdahl, an engineering firm inspector, that Lincoln township's water system is basically

Motorist Brings His Fire To St. Joe Firemen

Robert Lamoreaux, 480 Jackson court, Coloma, drove up to St. Joseph city hall at 4:55 a.m. this morning with the back seat of his auto on fire and in 15 minutes St. Joseph firemen had the fire out and debris removed. Firemen grabbed a garden hose and used water from a station faucet to extinguish the fire. Only the rear seat was destroyed and Lamoreaux drove away.



RALPH LHOTKA



VIRGIL MAY



PRESSLEY RHODES



CHARLES YARBROUGH

Fire Ruins Zollar Building

Fire destroyed a building used as a bathhouse and a sauna at the residence of State Senator Charles O. Zollar on Napier avenue, Benton township, last night at 8:43 p.m.

According to Benton township firemen, flames started in the 24 x 30-foot building when a boiler system used to heat a swimming pool overheated. No one was home at the Zollar residence, and by the time the fire was discovered by a passerby on Napier avenue and fireman could arrive, flames had already broken through the



ROBERT LEUTY

roof of the structure. Damage was estimated at \$5,000 to the building and \$3,000 to its contents.

Downtown Association Will Elect Officers

The Downtown Benton Harbor association will meet Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Downtowner restaurant to elect permanent officers.

Also named will be three committee chairmen—promotions, physical improvements and petitions. Peter Blockhan, acting secretary, said there also will be discussion about the possibility of other committees. The meeting starts at 1 p.m.

Legion Post To Install Officers

The Dorie Miller American Legion post, No. 410, will install new officers for 1971-72 on Sunday at its headquarters, 1884 Farmer avenue, Benton township.

Nathaniel Wilkins, Jr., will be seated as the new post commander.

The event will begin with a dinner at 1 p.m., followed by a program at 2 p.m. Fourth district American Legion officers will serve as the installation team.

Speakers will include County Commissioner Victor Greer and two Benton Harbor mayoral candidates, F. Joseph Flaugh and Charles Joseph.

Past Commander Fred Walker, who is program chairman for the day, extended a special invitation to Vietnam veterans to attend.

Other new officers to be installed are: Frank Morgan, Jr., first vice commander; Eugene Lott, second vice commander; James Wilkins, adjutant; George Harris, finance and public relations; and Willie T. Wilkins, sergeant-at-arms.



NATHANIEL WILKINS, JR.
New Commander

NAACP Invites Public To Meet Candidates

Candidates for Benton Harbor municipal offices and the public are invited to attend a "Meet Your Candidates" meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Benton Harbor Public Library. The meeting is sponsored by the Benton Harbor branch NAACP.

Branch President Hershel McKenzie said each candidate will be given equal time to explain why he is running for office. A question and answer period will follow.



HARVEY DAMS

RAY C. BRIGGS

Bell Telephone Manager Here Wins Promotion

Harvey F. Dams, Michigan Bell Benton Harbor area manager, has been promoted to staff supervisor at the Grand Rapids division southern Michigan area headquarters, the company announced today.

Dams' successor in Benton Harbor will be Ray C. Briggs, formerly manager of community relations for Michigan Bell in Kalamazoo. The transfers are effective Aug. 1. The Benton Harbor area covers Bell exchanges in Berrien county and a small part of Van Buren.

Briggs, 50, is a 30-year employee with Bell with service in Lansing, Jackson and Battle Creek before going to Kalamazoo in 1966.

TELEPHONE PIONEER

His civic affairs in Kalamazoo include board member of the Michigan Society for Mental Health, Kiwanis club, finance chairman of Grace Baptist church, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Telephone Pioneers of America.

Briggs, a native of Lansing, and his wife, Ann, are the parents of a grown daughter and twin sons.

Dams came to Benton Harbor in September, 1968, from Lansing. He joined Bell in 1941 as a switchman in the plant department and returned to the company after service in the Air Force in World War I.

In the Twin Cities, Dams, 48, has been a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the board of St. Joseph Improvement association, program chairman for Rotary club, the board of Napier Parkview Baptist church. He also is on the board of Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music and the board of Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc.

He and his wife have lived in St. Joseph. They are the parents of Martha, 14, and David, 18, a college student.

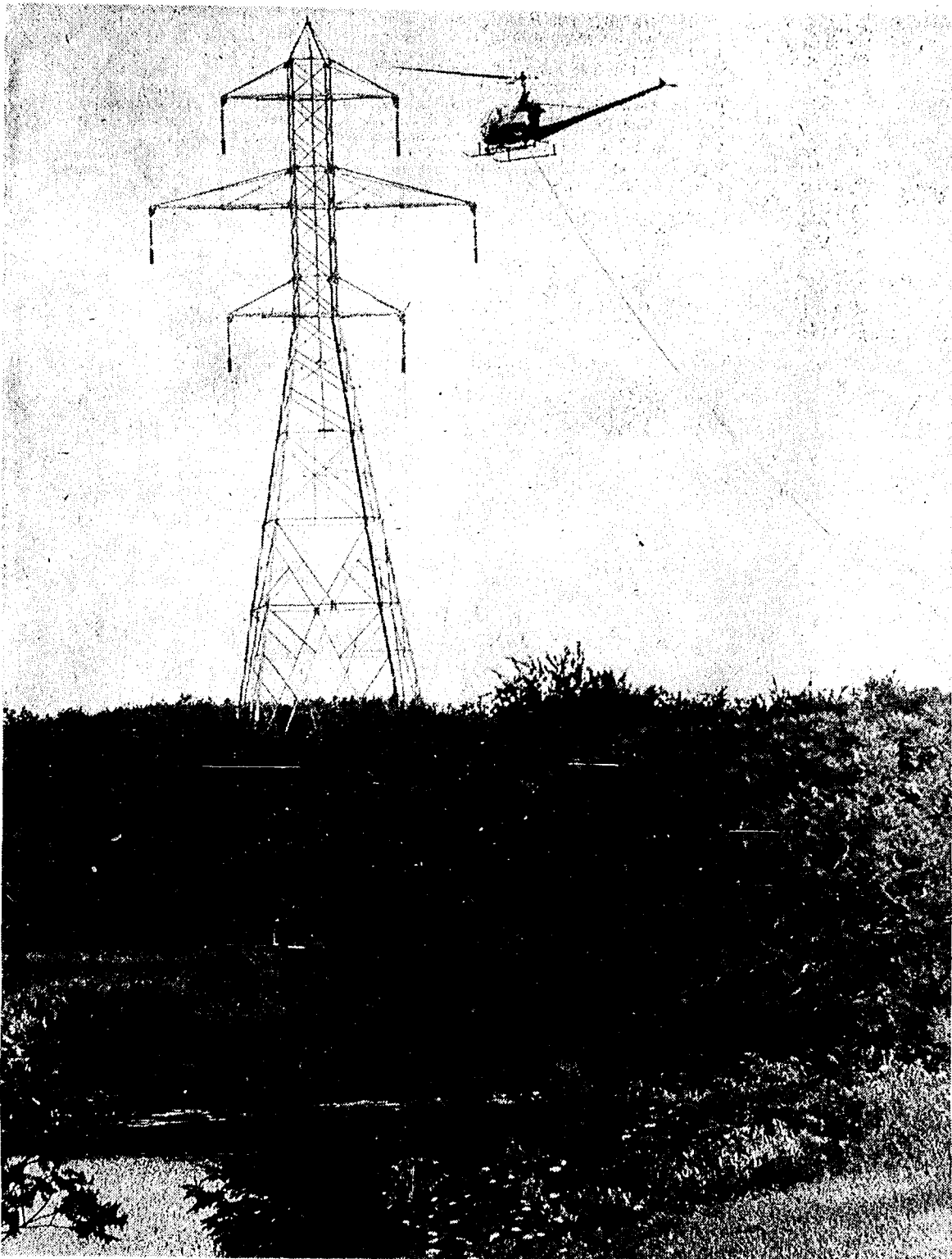
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CHOPPERS CONQUERS POWER LINE OBSTACLES: Workmen stringing 138,000-volt power lines for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. across the Leslie Schmuhl, Sr., farm in Hagar township were faced with crossing a 12-acre lake and orchards. So they crossed them by air, using a helicopter (top photo). The chopper pulled a heavy rope attached to the big conductor cables, stringing them from one 120-foot tower to the next. Schmuhl's farm is in the path of a six-mile line from a sub-

station west of Coloma to a substation in Riverside that will feed I&M electricity across northern Berrien county. Helicopters have been used for I&M field construction for 15 years, according to utility officials. Photo below shows a portion of the artificial lake that had to be crossed by air. A telephone line that crossed the creek ravine before it was dammed and turned into a lake can be seen at head of lake. Schmuhl's farm buildings are visible in background. (Staff photos)

Paw Paw Lake Project

U.S. Action Stymies Sewage Construction

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer
The federal government lob-

Dowagiac Man Dies Of Injuries

NILES — Robert D. Johnson, 70, of Dowagiac, critically injured in a two-car accident near here Monday morning, became the 30th traffic fatality of Berrien county when he died in Niles Pawing hospital last night.

Johnson, of 333 North Lowe street, had been admitted to the hospital after his car was struck broadside by another at the intersection of U.S. 12 and Third street, southwest of the city. He died at 9 p.m.

State police post said Johnson was driving south on Third street and failed to yield the right of way at the U.S. 12 intersection.

He was struck by a car driven by Ellen B. Flenar, 54, of Madron Lake road, Buchanan. She was admitted to Pawing hospital and released yesterday.

A passenger in the Johnson car, Barry Johnson, 13, was treated at Pawing for cuts and released.

Surviving are his widow Vivian; a daughter, Mrs. Willie (Robbie) Williams of Dowagiac; two grandchildren and a brother, Buster Johnson of Little Rock, Ark.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today at the McLaughlin funeral home, Dowagiac.

bed a monkey wrench into a \$12.1 million Paw Paw lake-area sewage system Wednesday by turning down two of the three project construction grants. It suggested that the Berrien public works board rebid them.

Public works officials were hopeful, however, that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can be made to change its mind.

'NOT RESPONSIVE'

County Planning Director Thomas Sinn read public works board members a letter from R.J. Schneider, regional construction grants program director for EPA, that stated the agency "cannot endorse the proposed award of Contracts II and III, as the bidders did not provide a separate bid for each contract and therefore were not responsive to the invitation for bids."

Schneider's letter "suggested" that both Contracts II and III be rebid.

Contract II is a Paw Paw river sewer interceptor and III is a sewage collection system in Coloma township. One contractor bid low on II but high on III; another contractor's bids were just opposite. Both contractors conditioned their bids on winning both II and III together.

So the public works board on June 23 named Woodruff & Sons, Inc., of Michigan City, as winner with a collective bid of approximately \$5 million for both II and III as compared to a comparable bid of about \$6 million by Mayo Co. & Dilegge Construction Co. of Romulus.

Sinn also read to the board a letter from Carr W. Baldwin, engineer for the Paw Paw lake area project, noting the liabili-

ties Baldwin sees in rebidding both contracts and recommending that the EPA reconsider its decision.

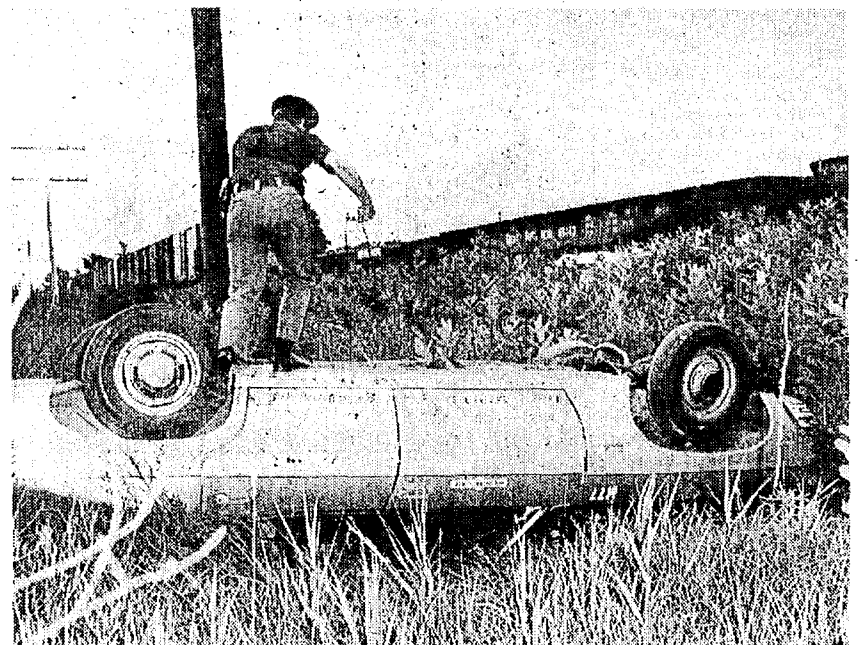
COULD UP COST

Baldwin's letter said there may be difficulties attracting rebidders and that rebidding will likely not cut the cost of the project and may even increase it.

Public Works Chairman Herbert Seader said there's little the board can officially do at this time and Sinn said the board's staff would send a letter to the EPA setting out the board's reasons for naming Woodruff winner and asking the EPA to reconsider.

If letters fail, a meeting with the EPA may be necessary, Sinn added.

The EPA plays a role in approving construction contracts because federal funds are involved.



CAR, TRAIN COLLIDE: A state policeman from the South Haven post inspects wreckage of a vehicle which overturned Wednesday morning when struck by a C&O freight train at the 120th avenue crossing, just south of Pennville. Driver of the car, Keith Swartz, 21, remained in serious condition today in Holland hospital with injuries suffered in the accident. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

New Buffalo Dispute

Condominium's Fate At Stake In Suit

NEW BUFFALO — The New Buffalo city council last night authorized its attorney to seek a court judgment freeing from single residency restrictions land occupied by the city water works.

This morning a group of homeowners petitioned Berrien circuit court not to grant the judgment, which they described as "frivolous."

The city property is covered by restrictive covenants that limit its use to single-family dwellings, according to the homeowners. Also covered by the covenants is adjacent land where developer Jerry Pals is planning to build a \$9,600,000 condominium complex.

The homeowners group opposes the condominium. Joseph Debiak, a group spokesman, charged that the declaratory judgment was part of an effort to clear the way for the project over neighborhood opposition.

City Attorney Stephen Rou-

mell this morning said that the city will seek a court judgment only for its land but "inferentially," he said, the developer would probably join in the action.

Roumell advised the council last night to seek the judgment to protect the interests of the city. He said he would submit as evidence to the court the referendum vote held last December in which the majority of voters approved the development of the 28.9 acres as condominium.

Debiak charged that the judgment is a "legal maneuver designed to assess the cost of the litigation to the taxpayers of New Buffalo. Such a cost should be at the expense of those seeking to violate this contract."

Debiak said the court action is unnecessary for two reasons—the homeowners have not opposed the construction of the city water facilities, the restric-

tive covenants provide that any project completed without opposition is considered in compliance with the covenants.

Roumell said the city will ask for a declaratory judgment on the grounds it bought the land without knowledge of any restrictive covenants and is not bound to follow them.

Debiak said, "The government has no right to impair the obligations of contracts. This is guaranteed by the U.S. constitution."

Earns Diploma

Ronald E. Bradford, Sr., 592 Broadway, Benton Harbor, is one of 47 persons who received diplomas Wednesday for completion of vocational or technical skill training programs at the State Technical Institute and Rehabilitation center, at Pine Lake, Plainwell. Bradford completed a program in business education.

State Panel Ponders Verdict On Watervliet Attorney

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

KALAMAZOO — A three-man panel of the State Bar Grievance Board adjourned here Wednesday after taking testimony on two complaints against Watervliet Attorney James Colman.

Following the day-long meeting, the chairman of the panel, James Sullivan, of Battle Creek, said it will be at least a week before the panel can review the testimony and reach a decision.

The panel could exonerate or reprimand, suspend or disbar

Colman, who serves parttime as the Watervliet city attorney and who is also a director of the First National Bank in Watervliet.

Colman was ordered to appear before the panel after there were complaints of his handling of two probate cases: the estate of James Bradt in Berrien and the estate of Walter McNalley in Van Buren.

William R. Worth, attorney for the grievance board, asserted that Colman caused unjustified delays and failed to properly account for disbursements in the Bradt estate, and co-mingled his own assets with those of the McNalley estate. There were no allegations of criminal misconduct.

The panel hearing at Kalamazoo city hall was the second in the investigation. A July 9 hearing in Marshall was adjourned at Colman's request to permit him to obtain an attorney.

Harry Brown, Sr., of Kalamazoo, represented Colman yesterday.

Colman and five others testified at the Wednesday hearing which was open to the public.

In addition, the panel had subpoenaed probate records on the estates and records of Colman's trust account at the First National Bank in Watervliet.

Among those testifying were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradt of

Pacific, Mo.

Bradt testified his brother, James, died in 1960 and that the estate remains unsettled.

At one point while Colman was testifying, Sullivan asked him, "Didn't you realize that over a period of years you were using money as if it were your own?"

Colman replied: "I was not aware of it."

Prior to this, a panel member said to Colman that "... it was obvious you were using McNalley money" to finance real estate ventures of other clients.

Colman replied: "That was not the intent, but that's the way it turned out."